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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****DEC 20 2006****DOCKET NO. 01-S-017 (STM101-00017)  
CUSTOMER NO.: 30425****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Semir S. Haddad  
Serial No. : 09/943,815  
Filed : August 31, 2001  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INDEXING MPEG  
VIDEO DATA TO PERFORM SPECIAL MODE  
PLAYBACK IN A DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER AND  
INDEXED SIGNAL ASSOCIATED THEREWITH  
Art Unit : 2616  
Examiner : Jordan J. Hamann

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**SUBSTITUTE REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(B)(1)**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006 and Advisory Action mailed December 13, 2006. The response period is presently set to expire on December 21, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: